

OPINION 1172

**ASCIDIA INTESTINALIS LINNAEUS, 1767 (TUNICATA)
CONSERVED**

RULING.—(1) Under the plenary powers, the specific name *sociabile* Gunnerus, 1765, as published in the binomen *Tethyum sociabile*, is hereby suppressed for the purposes of the Law of Priority but not for those of the Law of Homonymy.

(2) The generic name *Ciona* Fleming, 1822 (gender: feminine), type species, by monotypy, *Ascidia intestinalis* Linnaeus, 1767, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology with the Name Number 2113.

(3) The specific name *intestinalis* Linnaeus, 1767, as published in the binomen *Ascidia intestinalis* (specific name of type species of *Ciona* Fleming, 1822) is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Number 2730.

(4) The specific name *sociabile* Gunnerus, 1765, as published in the binomen *Tethyum sociabile*, and as suppressed under the plenary powers in (1) above, is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Number 1074.

HISTORY OF THE CASE Z.N.(S.)2087

An application for the conservation of *Ascidia intestinalis* Linnaeus, 1767 (the type species of the well-known ascidian genus *Ciona* Fleming, 1822) was first received from Dr Jon-Arne Sneling and Dr Björn Gulliksen (*Biologisk Stasjon, Trondheim, N-7001, Norway*) on 1 August 1974. After some correspondence it was sent to the printer on 19 November 1974 and published on 27 June 1975 in *Bull. zool. Nom.* vol. 32, pp. 127–128. Public notice of the possible use of the plenary powers was given in the same part of the *Bulletin* as well as to the statutory serials and six general serials. No comment was received.

DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 9 April 1980 the members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month Rule on Voting Paper 1980(6) for or against the proposals set out in *Bull. zool. Nom.* vol. 32, p. 127. At the close of the voting period on 9 July 1980 the state of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative Votes – twenty-two (22) received in the following order: Melville, Holthuis, Vokes, Corliss, Brinck, Trjapitzin, Willink, Mroczkowski, Heppell, Bayer, Kraus, Hahn, Starobogatov, Habe, Halvorsen, Nye, Alvarado, Binder, Cogger, Dupuis,

Tortonese, Welch

Negative Vote – Sabrosky

No voting papers were returned by Bernadi and Ride.

ORIGINAL REFERENCES

The following are the original references for names placed on Official Lists and an Official Index by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

Ciona Fleming, 1822, *The philosophy of zoology* (Edinburgh), p. 512

intestinalis, *Ascidia*, Linnaeus, 1767, *Systema Naturae* ed. 12, vol. 1 (2), p. 1087

sociabile, *Tethyum*, Gunnerus, 1765, *K. norske Vidensk. Selsk. Skr.*, vol. 3, pp. 81-102

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the votes cast on V.P.(80)6 were cast as set out above, that the proposal contained in that voting paper has been duly adopted under the plenary powers, and that the decision so taken, being the decision of the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature, is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 1172.

R.V. MELVILLE

Secretary

International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature
London

12 September 1980